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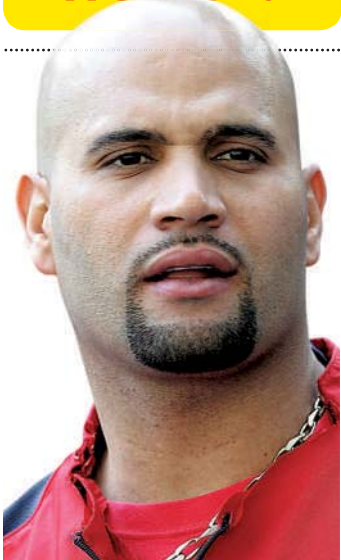
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CAMPUS SHOOTING
RATTLES VA. TECH

A routine traffic stop turns deadly in a scene
reminiscent of the school's 2007 tragedy 11

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Campus police officers console one another as they head toward the scene where an officer was killed on Thursday in a parking lot at Virginia Tech on Thursday in Blacksburg, Va.



eye openers

TURF WARS

Sorry, Wyoming Already Claimed 'The Fun State'

Michigan and Wisconsin residents are squabbling, via Twitter, over which state looks more like a mitten. The fight began when someone spotted a mitten logo on the Travel Wisconsin website. A Wisconsin Department of Tourism spokeswoman told the Lansing State Journal that the logo went into use online Dec. 1. "You guys still own the mitten," she said. "We'd much rather our travelers consider us the 'fun' state." (AP)

HEISTS

'This Sounds Like a Dare,' Thinks Pepsi-Loving Ninja

The Coca-Cola Company has moved its secret formula for the first time in 86 years, taking it from a bank vault to a new repository at its downtown Atlanta museum. The new vault containing the formula will be on display at the World of Coca-Cola, but the 1886 formula itself will remain hidden from view. (AP)

INDISCRIMINATE THEFT

'Hmm, Not a GPS ... Eh, I'll Take It Anyway'

A New Hampshire woman who brought her mother's ashes to bingo games for good luck is hoping for their return after the urn containing them was stolen Tuesday by someone targeting unlocked cars. Before her mother died in 2002, Diane Bozzi promised her she would take some of her ashes with her to play. (AP)

The Big Picture

FRANK AUGSTEIN/AP



GUYS, CAN'T YOU FLY? A farmer stops the traffic in Duisburg, Germany, to guide his flock of 150 geese across the street on Thursday. The geese enjoy an outdoor enclosure during the day to feed on fresh grass and move back to their night accommodations in the evening. (AP)

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WASHINGTON

Obama: Morning-After Pill Call 'Common Sense'

President Obama on Thursday endorsed but said he did not steer his administration's decision to halt the over-the-counter sale of Plan B, the anti-pregnancy drug, to girls under 17, saying it was common sense to keep a morning-after pill away for children who may misuse it. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Democratic, GOP Payroll Tax Plans Rejected

The Senate has rejected rival Democratic and Republicans plans for extending the Social Security payroll tax cut for another year, as the partisan battle over a cornerstone of President Obama's jobs plan continued. The payroll tax was cut to 4.2 percent for this year, but it returns to its normal 6.2 percent on Jan. 1. (AP)

Hearsay

"I simply do not know where the money is."

— FORMER MF GLOBAL CEO JON CORZINE, TESTIFYING TO A HOUSE PANEL THURSDAY HE COULD NOT EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED TO THE "MANY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS" THAT THE COMPANY WAS HOLDING FOR CUSTOMERS.

Romney Goes After Gingrich

Candidate switches up strategy, directs attacks at GOP rival

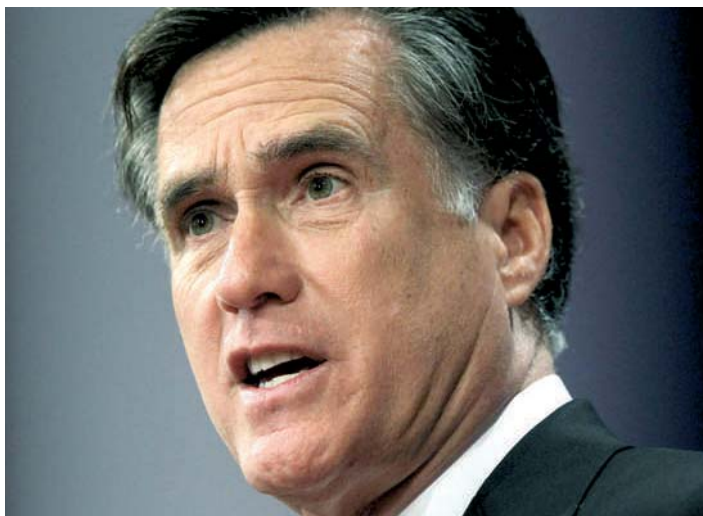
Des Moines

Republican Mitt Romney opened a broad and newly abrasive assault on rival Newt Gingrich on Thursday, dispatching surrogates and staff to cast him as unworthy of the GOP nomination and unfit to be president.

Romney is aiming to undermine his rising rival on both personal and professional fronts ahead of the 2012 campaign's opening contest Jan. 3 in Iowa — a reversal by the one-time front-runner who had previously all but ignored his Republican foes.

"He's not a reliable and trusted conservative leader, because he's not a reliable or trustworthy leader," former Missouri senator Jim Talent, a Romney supporter, said of Gingrich, offering a preview of the attacks Romney's team promised would continue in the next few weeks.

Romney allies also were giving



As the GOP nomination race has developed into a virtual two-person contest, Mitt Romney and his backers have unleashed an onslaught of criticism of Newt Gingrich.

43%

The portion of Iowa caucus-goers who said Newt Gingrich "has the best experience to be president," according to a Washington Post-ABC News poll in Iowa. (AP)

him a boost, announcing a \$3.1 million TV ad campaign in Iowa that is expected to include hard-hitting commercials against Gingrich.

Campaigning in South Carolina, Gingrich brushed off the verbal assault and insisted his campaign would not change its above-the-fray approach regarding fellow Republican contenders. "We're focused on remaining positive," he said.

Gingrich's reluctance to engage may be out of necessity. He dramatically lags behind Romney in organizational firepower as he tries to rebuild his campaign after an

On the Offense

On Thursday, Jon Huntsman said Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich are feeding a deficit of trust in politics. In a speech at the National Press Club, he said Romney will say anything to win, and he suggested Gingrich is a Washington insider who benefited from his political connections. Meanwhile, Rick Perry was preparing to launch an ad assailing both Romney and Gingrich in Iowa for their past support for an individual health care mandate, a provision at the heart of GOP opposition to the 2010 law Obama signed. (AP)

early summer implosion that left it deep in debt.

The onslaught of criticism from Romney and his allies, after months of focusing solely on President Obama, comes as the race has developed into a two-person contest. Gingrich's quick rise in national and early-state polls threatens Romney's claim as the likeliest Republican to be chosen to challenge Obama next fall.

KASIE HUNT AND THOMAS BEAUMONT (AP)



More Nice Than Naughty: It turns out rats have a bad rap. In repeated tests, rats freed another trapped rat in their cage, even when yummy chocolate served as a tempting distraction. Twenty-three of the 30 rats opened the trap by pushing in a door. The rats could have gobbled the chocolate before freeing their partners but often didn't, choosing to help and share the goodies, according to research reported in Thursday's journal Science. (AP)



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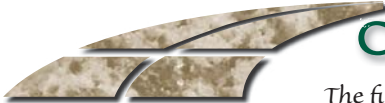
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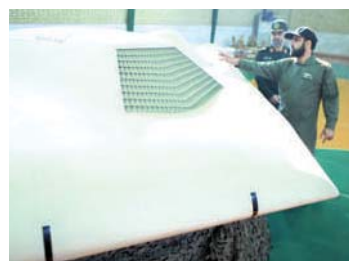
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World

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Iran on Thursday released this image of an inspection of a purported U.S. drone.

TEHRAN

Iran Releases Footage Of Alleged U.S. Drone

Iranian state TV broadcast video Thursday of what it said was the U.S. drone that Iran claimed to have downed this week. The footage of the craft offered the first evidence that Tehran had captured it. A former U.S. official confirmed to The Associated Press that the craft is the U.S. aircraft that went down. (AP)

LONDON

Study: Abortion Not Tied To Worse Mental Health

Abortion does not increase a woman's chance of suffering mental health problems, according to a British agency's review of dozens of studies over 20 years. Among women with unwanted pregnancies, those who had abortions were no more likely to develop mental health problems than those who gave birth, the study published Friday said. (AP)

KINSHASA, CONGO

Official Results Delayed In Presidential Vote

Results from Congo's disputed presidential election last week have been postponed until Friday as officials double-check the numbers, the head of Congo's election commission said Thursday. Partial results have made victory all but certain for incumbent Joseph Kabila. (AP)

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

Mudslide Hits Bus, Kills 6

A hillside loosened by heavy rains collapsed on a bus, killing five adults and a boy, Colombian officials said Thursday. Rains have flooded about 3,500 homes south of Bogota, officials said. (AP)

Europe Gathers to Contain Crisis

Anticipated summit of EU leaders will focus on debt options

Brussels

European leaders were wrestling Thursday over how much sovereignty they are willing to give up in a desperate attempt to save the project of continental unity that grew from the ashes of World War II.

At stake at the summit in Brussels is not only the future of the euro, but the stability of the global financial system and the balance of power in Europe. To convince markets that the debt crisis

"We also have to make sure that we keep the union of the 27 together. It is not only a union of the 17 eurozone nations."

— DUTCH PRIME MINISTER MARK RUTTE, ON THURSDAY, DISCUSSING HOW ALL OF EUROPE, NOT JUST THE EUROZONE, MUST BACK ANY NEW EU FINANCIAL AGREEMENT.

is a one-time event, countries will have to give up significant powers, such as some decisions on borrowing, to a central authority.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel need to persuade the other 15 eurozone leaders to back a plan that would require their governments to balance their bud-

gets and accept sanctions if they fail to do so.

That plan must be good enough to persuade the European Central Bank to intervene more in the government bond markets, said Paul De Grauwe, an economics professor at the Catholic University of Leuven, in Belgium.

ECB chief Mario Draghi hinted last week that if governments agree to tighter budget controls, the bank might step up support.

Merkel and Sarkozy want to enshrine the budget oversight in a treaty, either by changing the EU treaty or creating one for the eurozone that others could opt in to.

DON MELVIN AND JAMEY KEATEN (AP)

\$154B

The approximate amount that Europe's banks must raise to meet a new standard meant to prepare the institutions to weather the debt crisis, the European Banking Authority said Thursday. (AP)

Oil Tankers Attacked in Pakistan



FLAMES ENGULF OIL TANKERS Thursday at a depot in Quetta, Pakistan. Assailants torched more than 20 tankers carrying fuel for U.S. and NATO troops in Afghanistan in the first reported attack since Islamabad closed the border to protest coalition airstrikes that killed 24 Pakistani troops last month.

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Fallen Tree in Zimbabwe Touted by Superstitious

Harare, Zimbabwe

The felling of Zimbabwe's famed colonial-era "Hanging Tree" has many believing it signals the dawn of a new era for the nation, whose hardline president is in the winter of his long rule.

The tree fell Wednesday after it was struck by a construction truck, witnesses said. Some workers fled, believing it a bad omen. A n'anga, known in the West as a witch doctor, performed rites over the tree Thursday.

The tree represented "powerful forces" in the nation's social and political life, and its toppling signals a new era, the Zimbabwe National Traditional Healers Association said.

The tree fell on the same day that President Robert Mugabe, 87, marked a reforestation campaign. It also coincided with the annual congress of Mugabe's party, its



Backstory

The 200-year-old Msasa tree that fell Wednesday in Harare, Zimbabwe, is a beloved national monument. Icons of the nation's first uprising against white settlers—including the ancestral grandmother of the nation, Mbuya Nehanda—were said to have been hanged from the tree in 1898. Political rallies have often been held there. (AP)

last major gathering before crucial elections next year.

The vote is meant to end a coalition government formed after disputed elections in 2008. (AP)

2.5 The prison sentence, in years, that a Thai-born American received Thursday in a Bangkok court for translating a banned biography of Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej and posting it online while living in Colorado. Officials said the punishment, initially set at five years, was reduced because Joe Gordon, 55, pleaded guilty in October. (AP)

ECONOMICS

On the Same Page

The yellow pages are poised for a comeback — in Cuba, at least. The back pages of the phone book are being opened up to ads for the country's growing class of private entrepreneurs, Communist Party newspaper Granma said Thursday. The move is among the reforms pushed by President Raul Castro. (AP)

Putin Accuses U.S. of Encouraging Protests

Moscow

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, facing the possibility of more protests against his rule, on Thursday accused Secretary of State Hillary Clinton of instigating demonstrators in the wake of the disputed parliamentary election.

The comments came as opposition supporters largely stayed off the streets after three nights of sizeable protests. No protests were seen in Moscow and only a small

one where 10 people were arrested was reported in St. Petersburg.

But the wave of discontent may be far from cresting: More than 30,000 people have pledged online to attend a weekend protest in Moscow.

Putin accused the U.S. of encouraging and funding the Russians protesting Sunday's elections. By recently describing Russia's election as rigged, Clinton "gave a signal" to Putin's opponents, said Putin, who also warned of a wider

Protests Ahead?

Russian opposition groups have called for a mass protest in Moscow near the Kremlin on Saturday to demand a vote recount. About 30,000 people have now signed up on a Facebook page for the protest. A map circulating on the Internet shows similar protests planned for Saturday in more than 75 cities. The use of the Internet to mobilize protesters in Russia is a new phenomenon. (AP)

Russian crackdown on dissent.

"They heard this signal and with the support of the U.S. State Department began their active work," Putin said. He said the U.S. is spending "hundreds of millions" of dollars to influence Russian politics, with the aim of weakening a rival nuclear power.

Putin's tough words show the deep cracks in U.S.-Russian ties despite President Obama's efforts to "reset" relations with the Kremlin. LYNN BERRY (AP)

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Gift Guide 2011



For Metro Riders:

When WMATA re-launched its online gift store earlier this year, we poked fun at the limited (and lame) selection. But it's time to take a gander at the improved inventory, including this Metro tie (\$32.50, Apistores.com/wmata). The sliver of map won't do much for lost tourists, but it could sure help someone find a new look. Another tempting item: the laptop skin (\$10). But it'll probably only make a computer more appealing to thieves.



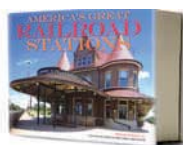
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In Brief

FORT WASHINGTON, MD.

Police: Man in Spider-Man Mask, Sweater Robs Bank

Police say they are searching for a man who robbed a Prince George's County bank while wearing a Spider-Man mask and sweater. Authorities say the suspect walked into a BB&T branch in Fort Washington around 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday and tried to access the back part of the bank, which was locked. The suspect then approached a teller window, passed a note and demanded money while displaying a handgun. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Cathedral Supporters To Match Donations

The Washington National Cathedral says two longtime supporters have each offered to match donations made to the earthquake-damaged edifice. According to The Washington Post, cathedral officials say the supporters will match all new gifts or pledges to the cathedral up to \$500,000 through the end of the year. That means there is a potential for \$2 million in donations. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Dec. 8

District

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Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.) 1-8-7
Mid-day DC 4 4-7-9-8
Evening DC 4 (Wed.) 0-4-8-7
Mid-day D.C. Five 1-0-9-1-8
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.) 1-6-6-5-7
Hot Lotto (Wed.) 9-16-17-18-22 (4)

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Mid-day Pick 3 1-7-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) 6-0-9
Mid-day Pick 4 4-6-0-4
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) 8-1-4-0
Match 5 (Wed.) 5-8-12-31-36 (24)
Multi-Match (Wed.) 3-10-17-29-33-39

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3 3-1-6
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) 0-5-5
Mid-day Pick 4 1-1-4-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) 4-8-3-2
Mid-day Cash 5 6-8-19-20-28
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.) 2-3-16-17-18
Win For Life (Wed.) 9-10-13-18-32-37 (8)

Multi-State Games

Power Play 3-14-20-39-40 (37)
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All winning numbers are official only when validated at a claims location. Drawings that occur after Express' deadline will be published two days later.

7 in D.C. Gang Indicted in Deaths

D.C. police chief calls them part of 'deadly criminal organization'

Washington

A District grand jury has indicted seven members of a Northwest Washington street gang authorities said are responsible for three killings and dozens of other offenses since 2006, officials said Thursday.

In an 80-count indictment, the U.S. attorney's office said members of the 14th and Girard gang — the gang, named for District streets of the same name, was also known as G-Rod, 1-4 and the Cut Crew, authorities said — were behind a series of crimes that included a 2010 slaying

after an afternoon funeral.

Gang members were responsible for the Jan. 9, 2009, fatal shooting of Paul Jones, 17, in the 1300 block of Columbia Road NW; the Aug. 11, 2010, fatal shooting of Sean Robinson, 19, in the 2500 block of 17th and Euclid streets NW; and the Sept. 28, 2010, fatal shooting of Jamal Coates, 21, in the 1300 block of U Street NW, according to the indictment.

Coates was killed after attending the Sept. 29, 2010, funeral of Ashley McRae, 21, a Columbia Heights resident who was shot to death that month, according to authorities.

Seven men were indicted on counts including first-degree murder: Lafonte Carlton, 21; Robert Givens, 19; Devyn Black, 22; Ricardo



COURTESY BRYAN WEAVER

Police say a gang was responsible for the death of Jamal Coates after a '10 funeral.

Eppe, 22; Marcellus Jackson, 23; Keir Johnson, 21; and Lester Williams, 24.

Eppe and Williams were arrest-

ed Monday, authorities said; Black is in custody in a 2009 shooting; and police are still searching for Jackson and Johnson.

Carlton and Givens are in the D.C. jail on charges associated with the Jones and Robinson killings, respectively, according to authorities.

In a statement, Metropolitan Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier called the seven men "part of a dangerous and deadly criminal organization that used threats, intimidation and extreme violence to protect their turf."

A hearing is scheduled Friday for Carlton, Givens, Eppe and Williams before D.C. Superior Court Judge Thomas J. Motley. KEITH L. ALEXANDER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Starvation for Representation



RICKY CEROTI/TWP

OCCUPY D.C. PROTESTERS Sam Jewler, left; Kelly Mears, center; and Adrian Parsons have their last meal — carrot and spinach juice, and stir-fried veggies with tofu — before beginning their hunger strike at McPherson Square on Thursday. The protesters say they will sustain their strike until Congress takes action to grant D.C. full voting rights on Capitol Hill.

Philanthropist Robert Dies of Cancer at 59

Washington

Joseph E. Robert Jr., who rose from a troubled childhood to become one of Washington's wealthiest financiers and most generous philanthropists, known for his raucous annual "Fight Night" boxing event that raised millions of dollars for children's charities, died at his home in McLean, Va., late Wednesday at age 59 from brain cancer.

Robert's death was confirmed by Mike McGillis, managing director of JER Partners, the real estate company Robert founded in 1981.

The annual Fight Night at the Washington Hilton, a stag smoker featuring hostesses in slinky gowns, has raised \$50 million for children's charities since 1990.

THOMAS HEATH (THE WASHINGTON POST)

8.4 The number of Peace Corps volunteers per 100,000 people in the D.C. metropolitan area, according to rankings published by the organization Thursday. This region has a higher percentage of former volunteers, with 372, but the New York-New Jersey-Long Island area has more total volunteers, with 393. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Cover Story

Sounding The Alarm

Since the 2007 massacre, Virginia Tech expanded its emergency notification systems. Alerts now go out by electronic message boards in classrooms, by text messages and other methods. Other colleges and universities have put in place similar systems. During about a one-hour period Thursday, the university issued four alerts. The university also sent updates about every 30 minutes, a school spokesman said. (AP)

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An official secures the scene Thursday where a gunman killed a police officer in a Virginia Tech parking lot.



Meanwhile ...



Thursday's shooting came soon after the conclusion of a hearing at which Virginia Tech was appealing a \$55,000 fine by the U.S. Education Department in connection with the university's response to the 2007 rampage. The department said the school violated the law by waiting more than two hours after two students were shot to death in their dorm before sending a warning. By then, gunman Seung-Hui Cho, shown, was chaining the doors to a building where he killed 30 more people and then himself. (AP)

ident Charles Steger. "Our hearts are broken again."

The officer had served on the campus police force for four years. State police were still investigating whether he had been specifically targeted.

Students preparing for exams were suddenly told to hunker down. Heavily armed officers walked around campus as caravans of SWAT vehicles and other police cars with flashing emergency lights patrolled nearby.

"A lot of people, especially toward the beginning, were scared," said Jared Brumfield, a 19-year-old freshman from Culpeper, Va., who had been detained in the Squires Student Center.

Derek O'Dell, a third-year veterinary student at Virginia Tech who was wounded in the 2007 shooting, was shaken.

"It just brings up a lot of bad feelings, bad memories," O'Dell said. "You pray there are no more victims, and pray for the families."

In August, a report of a possible gunman at Virginia Tech set off the longest, most extensive lockdown and search on campus since 2007. No gunman was found, and the school gave the all-clear signal about five hours after sirens began wailing and students and staff members started receiving warnings. ERIC TUCKER AND ZINIE CHEN SAMPSON (AP)

2 Killed at Va. Tech

Campus is shaken after an incident stirs memories of the '07 shootings

Blacksburg, Va.

A gunman killed a police officer in a Virginia Tech parking lot Thursday and was found dead nearby in a baffling attack that sent shudders through the campus nearly five years after it was the scene of the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history.

The shooting took place around 12:15 p.m. on the same day Virginia Tech officials were in Washington, fighting a government fine over their alleged mishandling of the 2007 bloodbath.

Before it became clear that the gunman in Thursday's attack was dead, the school applied the lessons learned during the last tragedy, locking down the campus and using a high-tech alert system to

warn students and faculty members to stay indoors.

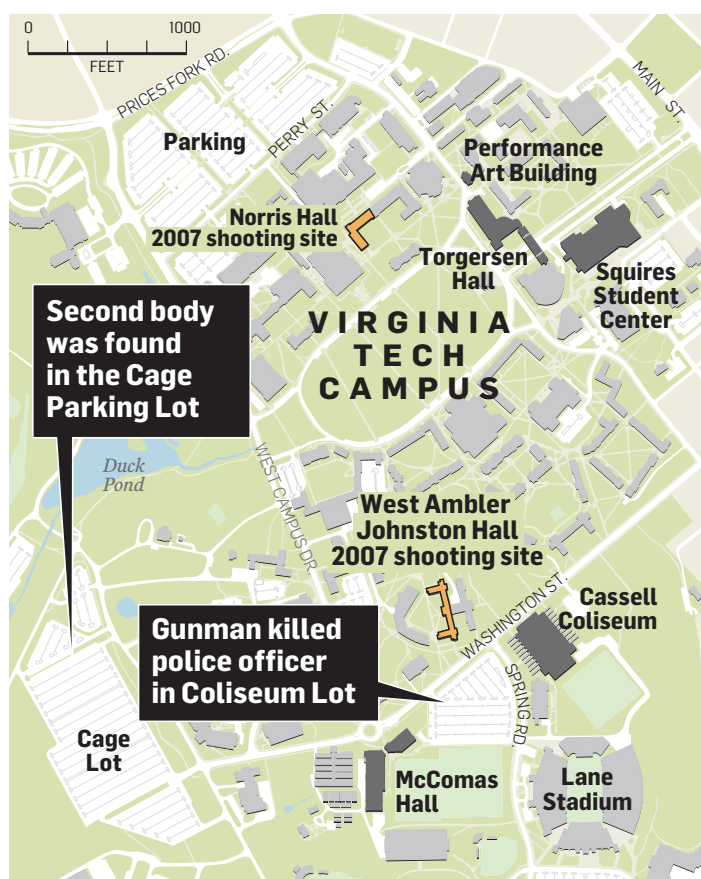
The officer was killed after pulling a driver over in a traffic stop. The gunman — who was not involved in the traffic stop — walked into the Coliseum parking lot and shot the officer, Sgt. Robert Carpentieri said. Police wouldn't talk about a motive.

A law enforcement official who spoke on the condition of anonymity confirmed the gunman was dead.

It appeared the gunman died about a quarter-mile away from the traffic stop, in another school parking lot, where officials said a man was found dead with a gun nearby. While police at a news conference wouldn't confirm the second body was the gunman's, Carpentieri said that "you can kind of read between the lines."

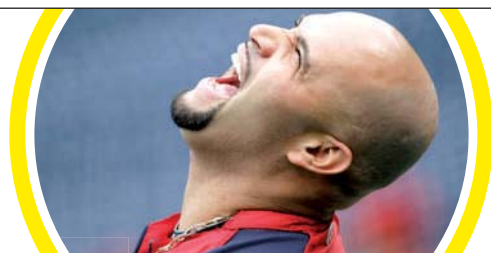
The shooting prompted a lockdown that lasted for about four hours.

"Today, tragedy again struck Virginia Tech," said university Pres-



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TV Lineup



Midshipmen hope to celebrate a win over Army on Saturday at FedEx Field.

Friday

7 P.M. Can the Caps make it two-straight wins when facing the Toronto Maple Leafs? CSN

8 P.M. Maryland's men's basketball team hosts Mount St. Mary's. ESPN3

8 P.M. Relive last year's NCAA Tournament when VCU hosts rival Richmond. ESPN2

Saturday

9:55 A.M. Manchester United, which was just eliminated from the Champions League, hosts Wolverhampton in the Premier League. ESPN2

NOON The Georgetown Hoyas shoot to stay hot against Howard. MASN

NOON Duke takes on Washington in a nonconference basketball game. CBS

2:30 P.M. The annual Army-Navy football game moves to FedEx Field for the first time. CBS

3:15 P.M. Ohio State and Kansas play in a highly anticipated basketball game. ESPN

8 P.M. Will Andrew Luck and Robert Griffin III walk away with the Heisman Trophy? ESPN

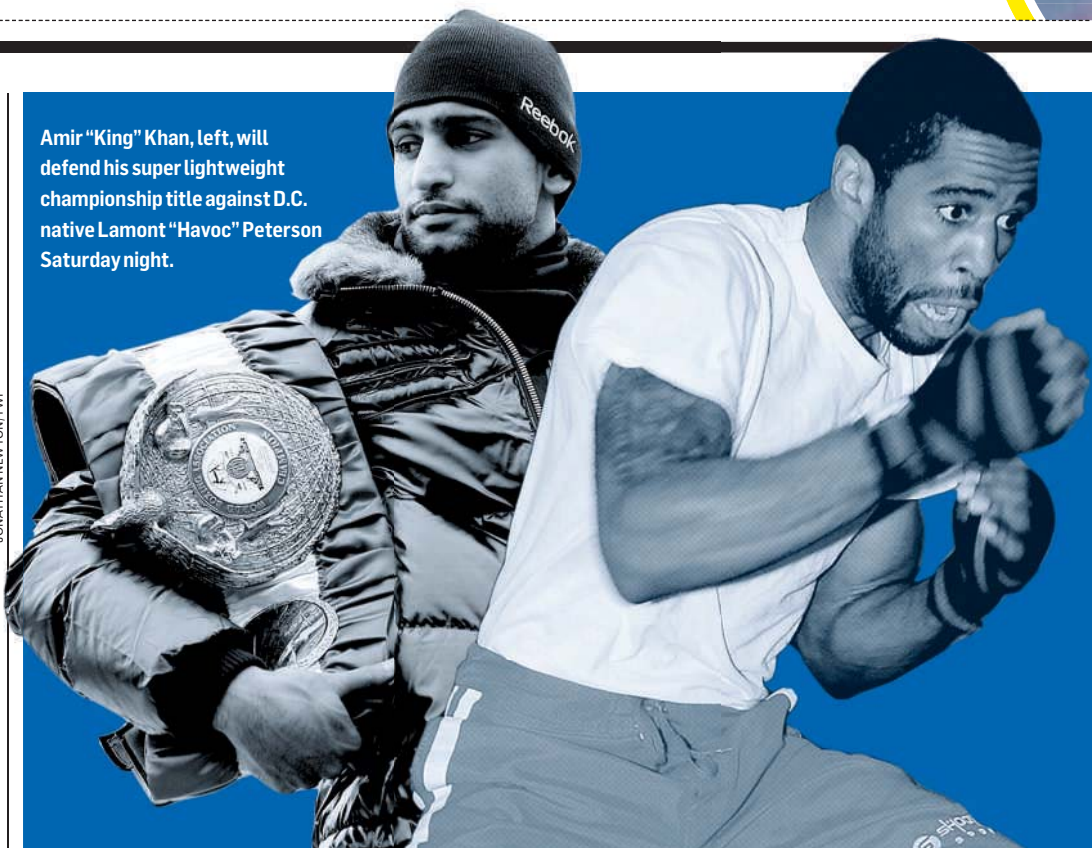
Sunday

1 P.M. The Redskins try not to be embarrassed by the Patriots. CBS

4:15 P.M. Can the Packers stay undefeated when they play the Raiders? CBS

8 P.M. In an NFC East battle, the Giants visit the Cowboys. NBC

Amir "King" Khan, left, will defend his super lightweight championship title against D.C. native Lamont "Havoc" Peterson Saturday night.



FIGHT NIGHT

Locals litter the card as D.C. returns to the boxing spotlight

Boxing

In between fielding questions by a puppet from a Pakistani TV station, Lamont "Havoc" Peterson was realistic about his upcoming fight at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.

The D.C. native realizes that the "Capital Showdown" main event this Saturday, a world title fight between him and English native Amir "King" Khan, won't be as



'A Dream Come True'

Mark "Too Sharp" Johnson, the first-ever African-American flyweight (112 pound) champion, who still lives and works in D.C., said he is excited for Saturday's fight and the exposure it could bring to the area's boxing scene. "This is a dream come true for the fans in D.C. to bring boxing back," said Johnson, who this week was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame along with Thomas "Hitman" Hearns. E.S.

hospitable for him as one might think, despite its billing as a coming-out party for him.

Based on the preponderance of British media and the circuslike atmosphere at Tuesday's public work-

out, Peterson may have a point.

Peterson, his brother Anthony and heavyweight Seth Mitchell are all local fighters on a card designed to renew interest in the sweet science in the DMV at a

time when the UFC, which hosted a card at the Verizon Center in October, has started making inroads in the area.

"I know Amir has a big following. His fans are willing to travel. They won't have any problem taking a flight to D.C. They'll be here — with horns and bells."

— LAMONT "HAVOC" PETERSON, WHO MAY HAVE A HOME-CROWD ADVANTAGE SATURDAY AGAINST AMIR "KING" KHAN, AN INTERNATIONALLY POPULAR BOXER.

Peterson (29-1-1) will face arguably his toughest foe in Khan (26-1, 18 KOs), a lightning-quick 25-year-old unified super lightweight champion who has impressive wins over Paul McCloskey and Zab Judah under his belt this year.

"I draw a lot of strength from my past," said Peterson, who became homeless at age 6. "In a lot of my fights, I may be down early, but I never give up."

Mitchell, a native of Brandywine, Md., has rocketed to the upper echelon of the heavyweight rankings since turning to the sport after a knee injury derailed the former Michigan State linebacker's football career. Timur Ibragimov (30-3-1), from Uzbekistan, will be Mitchell's most experienced foe. Still, the local is dreaming big.

"I want to become heavyweight champion of the world, and as an American, people want someone they can relate to," said Mitchell, who is undefeated in 24 fights. "I'm glad that they have chosen me. The pressure doesn't bother me." ELLIOTT SMITH



Let the Bidding Begin: Japanese pitcher Yu Darvish ended months of speculation Thursday by saying he intends to make a move to Major League Baseball. The 25-year-old right-hander, considered the best pitcher in the Japanese professional leagues, wrote on his blog that he had decided to use the posting system, which allows MLB teams to bid for the negotiating rights to Japanese players who have yet to become free agents. (AP)

Heisman Watch

We don't have a vote for the Heisman, but here is how we'd stack up the five finalists, saving our winner for last.

**5. TRENT RICHARDSON (ALA.)**

He's looking to become the second Alabama running back in three years to win the Heisman after finishing the regular season fifth in the nation in rushing with 131.9 yards per game and tied for fifth in touchdowns with 23.

4. TYRANN MATHIEU (LSU)

"Honey Badger," as the LSU defensive back is known, has the best nickname of the finalists. He was also the best player on the best unit in college football. But will he be the second defensive player (Michigan's Charles Woodson was the first) to win the Heisman? Doubtful.

3. ANDREW LUCK (STANFORD)

By passing for 3,170 yards with 35 touchdowns and leading the Cardinal to an 11-1 record and a second-straight BCS bid, Luck locked up his status as the top pick in the NFL draft, but he might fall victim to high preseason expectations in the Heisman race.

2. MONTEE BALL (WIS.)

He's has scored 38 touchdowns for Wisconsin and needs one more to match Barry Sanders' NCAA record. If not for two last-minute losses, the Badgers would be undefeated.

1. ROBERT GRIFFIN III (BAYLOR)

The Baylor QB leads the nation in passer rating (192.3), with 3,998 yards and 36 touchdowns. He has also run for 644 yards and nine touchdowns. Plus, his win over Oklahoma is the closest thing to a defining "Heisman moment" as any this season.

Fast-Forward to '12

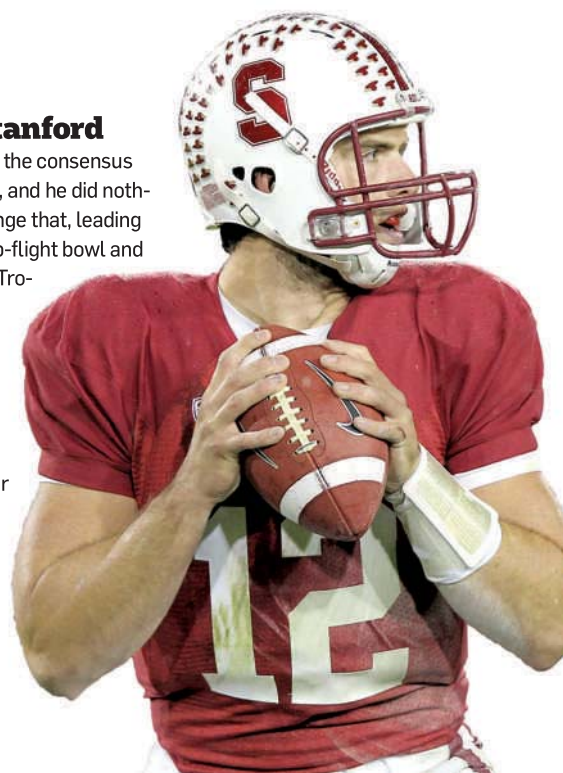
Redskins' future looks brighter with one of these QBs

You say it's too early

to start talking about the April draft with four games remaining in the season, starting with Sunday's contest against Tom Brady and the Patriots. Why not look to the future? Washington certainly will be in the market for a franchise quarterback, and this year's draft has a bounty of riches at the position. ELLIOTT SMITH

THE PIPE DREAM**Andrew Luck, Stanford**

The skinny: Luck has been the consensus No. 1 pick since last season, and he did nothing in his senior year to change that, leading the Cardinals to another top-flight bowl and earning himself a Heisman Trophy invite. But the odds of Washington's landing Luck are astronomical, given the Colts' surefire charge to a winless campaign and the No. 1 pick. Unless the Redskins are willing to deal their entire draft to Indy, don't expect the strong-armed, pro-ready QB to land here, no matter what Archie Manning says about his son Peyton and Luck not meshing on the same team.

**3 Things To Watch**

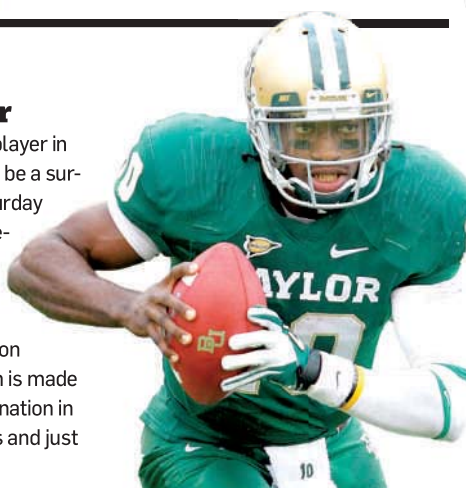
1 Harshin' his buzz: The drug-related suspensions of OL Trent Williams and TE Fred Davis will further hamstring an already inept Redskins offense, putting intense pressure on Rex Grossman to play smart and fast.

THE PROTOTYPE**Matt Barkley, USC**

The skinny: Barkley has everything that makes scouts drool: the size, mechanics and pro-style experience that will enable him to step in and grasp an NFL playbook with little adjustment. The issue is whether Barkley wants to do that just yet. After leading the Trojans to 10 wins as a junior, he may decide to return to school and see what he can do when USC is off probation — a national-title run may not be out of the question, nor would Barkley's being the No. 1 pick in the 2013 draft.

**THE FALLBACK****Landry Jones, Oklahoma**

The skinny: If the Redskins make the mind-boggling move not to draft one of the previous three QBs with the No. 7 pick or make a trade to acquire another first-rounder, Jones could be available after a "disappointing" season. Jones is an elite-level QB who put up big numbers last season and good numbers this year in the Sooners' spread offense, and he has the arm strength and accuracy that certainly would translate to the NFL game.

**THE THRILLER****Robert Griffin III, Baylor**

The skinny: RGIII was the most electric player in college football this season, and it won't be a surprise if he captures the Heisman on Saturday after leading Baylor (!) to nearly unprecedented heights. Griffin is a classic dual-threat quarterback, which may not be an ideal fit for the Redskins' offense, but he would give the team the kind of weapon it has rarely, if ever, had. And while much is made of Griffin's scrambling ability, he led the nation in passing efficiency after throwing 36 TDs and just six picks this season.



2 Patriotism: Don't expect New England to take it easy on a down Redskins team. The Pats are in a dogfight for one of the AFC's top seeds and coach Bill Belichick is never above running up the score on a hapless foe.

3 Roc solid: You could argue that punter Sav Rocca has been the team's MVP, but an ankle injury has hobbled the sure-footed kicker much of this week and could limit his effectiveness. E.S.

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Pujols Gets \$254M to Be an Angel

St. Louis icon heads to L.A. months after World Series victory

Pro Baseball

Three-time NL MVP Albert Pujols agreed Thursday to a \$254 million, 10-year contract with the Los Angeles Angels, leaving the World Series-champion St. Louis Cardinals after more than a decade for a new baseball life in southern California.

Pujols' contract, which is subject to a physical, is the second-highest in baseball history and the third to break the \$200 million barrier, after Alex Rodriguez's \$252 million, 10-year deal with Texas before the 2001 season and A-Rod's \$275 million, 10-year contract with the Yankees before the 2008 season.



Backstory

Albert Pujols had spent all 11 of his major league seasons with the Cardinals, hitting .338 with 445 home runs and 1,329 RBI to become a franchise icon second only to Stan Musial. He is fourth in career slugging percentage at .617, trailing only Hall of Famers Babe Ruth (.690), Ted Williams (.634) and Lou Gehrig (.632). Pujols' numbers in nearly every major offensive category are on a three-year decline. He had his poorest season in 2011 and at 31 is likely to spend the majority of his career with the Angels at designated hitter. (AP)

"This is a monumental day for Angel fans," Angels owner Arte Moreno said.

In addition to the Pujols signing, the Angels agreed to a five-year contract with left-hander C.J. Wilson, a deal worth \$77.5 million that raised their spending for the day to \$331.5 million.

People familiar with the deals told The Associated Press the terms of each contract, speaking on condition of anonymity.

St. Louis also offered the slugger a 10-year deal, but he chose to leave the Gateway City for the freeway life.

"We are disappointed," Cardinals

chairman Bill DeWitt Jr. said. "I would like our fans to know that we tried our best to make Albert a lifetime Cardinal but, unfortunately, we were unable to make it happen."

The Angels, who finished 10 games behind pennant-winning Texas in the AL West, made the move as the financially troubled Los Angeles Dodgers are in the process of being sold by Frank McCourt in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, a deal that could give the region's NL team a new, wealthy owner. The Dodgers could aggressively bid for talent a year from now, giving them a boost in the regional competition for fans' attention.

"Winning breeds interest, and we are setting ourselves up to start next season with an opportunity to get good," new Angels general manager Jerry Dipoto said. (AP)

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Cards Fans Can't Begrudge Pujols

After signing with Los Angeles on Thursday, Albert Pujols probably won't be thought of as an angel in St. Louis.

Surely, Cardinals fans dreamed the slugger would be another Stan Musial, who played his whole career in America's heartland.

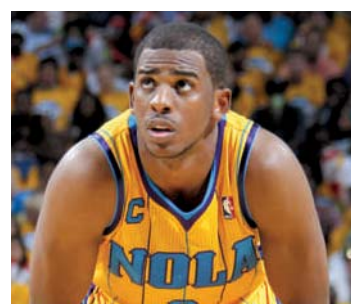


By Matt Swenson

Instead, Pujols has more in common with Alex Rodriguez after becoming the second major leaguer to land a \$250 million contract.

And there's nothing wrong with that.

Pujols shouldn't feel any need to apologize to the jilted Cardinals faithful, who, in turn, have no right to complain about the best hitter of his generation cashing in with the Los Angeles Angels.



Chris Paul is headed to the Lakers.

Report: Lakers Deal for Paul

Pro Basketball

The Los Angeles Lakers landed one of their prime targets on Thursday, acquiring All-Star point guard Chris Paul as part of a three-team trade, ESPN.com reported.

According to the report, Los Angeles will surrender Pau Gasol and Lamar Odom as part of a three-team trade. Gasol will go the Houston Rockets and Odom will head to the New Orleans Hornets, who Paul had played for during his first six NBA seasons. (EXPRESS)

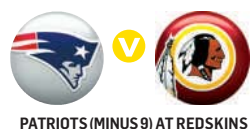
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PATRIOTS (MINUS 9) AT REDSKINS

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BEARS (PLUS 3.5) AT BRONCOS

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No one would argue that Tebow isn't the best QB in this game.



GIANTS (PLUS 3) AT COWBOYS

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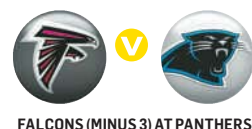
Romo goes cold in December and the Giants showed life last week.



TEXANS (PLUS 1.5) AT BENGALS

TEXANS

They just keep on finding ways to win.



FALCONS (MINUS 3) AT PANTHERS

FALCONS

The Falcons can't afford to let another game slip away.

PATRIOTS

Andre Carter is going to eat Rex Grossman alive and then laugh like hell at Shanahan.

BRONCOS

Chris Williams knows he's preaching to the choir when it comes to Tebow.

GIANTS

It's December. And we know what that means for Cowboys football.

TEXANS

Clearly, any squad with a guy named "Yates" at the helm is in good shape.

FALCONS

Michael Turner has run for 707 yards and 11 TDs in his last seven games against the Panthers.

PATRIOTS

Chad Ochocinco has no TDs. This date (and D.C.'s secondary) are circled on his calendar.

BRONCOS

"And on the seventh day, God rested, so he could watch his son play QB for the Broncos."

GIANTS

Chris Webber thinks that Jason Garrett is bad at using timeouts.

BENGALS

Cincy is like an ex-girlfriend: You wanna forget about them, but, occasionally, you give them some love.

PANTHERS

Cam Newton is to football what Fig Newtons are to cookies: classy and good.

PATRIOTS

Did you hear the one about how the Redskins are still alive in the NFC East? Yeah.

BRONCOS

Tim Tebow will unequivocally be the best quarterback in this contest.

COWBOYS

Tougher Division: NFC East or SEC West? And are the Redskins Ole Miss?

BENGALS

Houston's won six straight. The Bengals have lost three of four. Whatever.

FALCONS

Cam Newton is great, but he's won fewer games than Tarvaris Jackson this year.

Pujols shouldn't feel any need to apologize to the ... Cardinals faithful.

In his 11 years in St. Louis, Pujols hit 445 home runs, had 1,329 RBI and won two World Series. He owes the Cardinals nothing. If anything, it's amazing St. Louis let it get to this point.

It's been clear for about a decade that Pujols is a historically good player, the type a franchise would be foolish to let get away.

Letting the All-Star first baseman enter the last year of his contract was the Cardinals' biggest mistake. If you don't lock up Pujols with a shiny new deal, who do you do it with?

There's no question the new 10-year, \$254 million contract is silly — as all pro sports deals are — but that's a topic for another day.

Pujols did what any athlete would do. He took the money after accomplishing all he could with the team that he became a legend with.



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As the top fashion guru at celeb-mad InStyle, Hal Rubenstein evaluates red carpet looks from Cannes to Chelsea. This made him uniquely qualified to pen "100 Unforgettable Dresses" (\$35, Harper Design), an essay- and photo-filled book on 20th- and 21st-century frocks that rocked, from Elizabeth Hurley's Versace safety-pin dress circa 1994 to Kate Middleton's wedding gown from earlier this year. We chatted with him about the book and about not dressing like a wallflower this holiday season.

What makes a dress unforgettable, the clothes or the woman?

You can't separate the dress from the woman, the place and the time. It's really sort of an amalgamation of the right woman, the right dress and the right time.

And you start the book with Elizabeth Hurley and that crazy safety-pin style. Why?

I thought about clothes that were game-changers. That dress shows the power of a dress to make a woman famous overnight.

These women — Grace Kelly, Tilda Swinton — all seem to know how to dress for the occasion.

These women took the time to look at themselves and decide what made them special. But it's funny that we live in a society that wants Angelina Jolie's lips and Jennifer Aniston's hair. Women shouldn't try to be somebody else.

Well, how can we look good and still like ourselves?

Nobody in the world looks like you or has your personality, so start by

asking, "What are my best features?" Then dress to accentuate those.

Do women make party dressing blunders this time of year?

During the holiday season, women run to black. You go to an event, and it's a sea of black. It's a safety zone. But why would you spend two hours getting dressed to walk into a party and vanish?

"During the holiday season, women run to black. You go to an event, and it's a sea of black."

Is a colorful party dress the solution to that blandness, then?

Yes, I think if you find a color that makes you happy. The women in this book wanted to stand out. And wearing color says, "You will notice me."

What if I have no clue what's good for my coloring or bod?

Find a good salesperson. It helps to read magazines like InStyle, but a good person in a store can give you an independent opinion.

Do you think all that red-carpet dressing stresses out celebs?

The thing about the red carpet is that everybody knows the level of spectatorship in it now. Every single time an actress goes out, she gets judged. She can't just throw things on, because we're all snapping, watching and blogging.

Is it better to dress to blend in, then?

Why would you dress to blend in? It's a mistake because you're denying people the chance to get to know you. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

Event Horizon | The Gift of Gems in G-Town

Because all you want in your stocking is bling, head to dueling jewelry trunk shows in Georgetown Friday through Sunday. You'll find Monserat de Lucca's whimsically wild necklaces and earrings (think guitar case pendants) at M29 Lifestyle (2800 Pennsylvania Ave. NW) and minimalist-cool rings by Jessica Biales at Hu's Wear (2906 M St. NW).



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Santa Hats Are Only For Tools

THERE'S NOTHING WORSE in December than being a man and having to dress for the office holiday happy hour — until now, of course. Bonobos not only offers these Hannukkords (\$125, Bonobos.com) but also khakis embroidered with ornaments, navy cords with Christmas trees and green pants patterned with Christmas lights. Any of them would make you the trimmest gent at the table or cocktail bash.



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Naughty Or Spice

GINGERBREAD and biscotti are both yuletide things we enjoy putting in our mouths. Now the American fave and the Italian cookie have made a lovely, cross-cultural baby in Nonni's Gingerbread Almond Biscotti (\$5 per package, Harris Teeter stores), a crunchily yummy melding of nuts and spices that works equally well dipped into an espresso or a plain old cup of joe.



Grab Bag is gathered and reviewed by Jennifer Barger and Katherine Boyle. Find more food, fashion, beauty and home goods at expressnightout.com/grabbag.

In Style, Out of Africa

GIVING SOMEONE a share in a Himalayan goat/Mexican cow amounts to both a feel-good and do-good holiday present. But it is possible to give something fair-trade and flashier than farm animals if you head to Amani Ya Juu (3166 Mt. Pleasant St. NW; 202-536-5303), where Kenyan crafters turn lovely trad fabrics into such gifts as clutches (shown, \$28), aprons (\$16-\$30), baby toys and batik table napkins (\$24 for six).

Grab Bag



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Trophy Boom

DESIGN BLOGS are thick with vintage taxidermy heads. But a deer bust seems as likely to molt (or to be passe by late 2012) as a hipster's handlebar mustache. Bend's wire busts (\$99-\$150, Designpublic.com) channel a "Where the Wild Things Are" vibe without pissing off your vegan pals. Two sizes of bear heads (\$99-\$129) and a grandiose horned water buffalo (shown, \$149) come in three hues and work both as wall sculptures and non-beady-eyed coat hooks.

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

I walk at least one mile (sometimes two) every day between buses and Metro stations. When it snows, my flats aren't good enough, but snow boots are often too much. What sort of shoes can I wear to and from work that are stylish and lightweight but will help me safely navigate snow and ice patches?

— CRISTINA



Manolo says, the Manolo can never remember, is the Washington, D.C., supposed to be the Southern city that thinks it is Northern, or the Northern city that thinks it is Southern? Or should we simply say, "mid-Atlantic," which makes it sound as if it were located somewhere near the Azores islands?

Either way, the Washington weather is always the topic of amusement and astonishment. Yes, the autumns are gorgeous, the springs sublime, and the summers unbearably hot and humid.

But it is the winters — often clement, frequently rainy and occasionally Snowpocalypse — with their extreme variability that makes it difficult to find the single pair of winter shoes suitable for all occasions. One minute it is the balmy stroll to the bus stop, and the next you are like Yukon Cornelius wrestling with the Abominable Snow Monster in the peppermint mines of the North Pole.

Here is the Bardot from Munro American, the sharp-looking, water-resistant ankle boot (\$200, Zappos.com) for those days when snow is melting away.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

COMFORT + JOY

"We get so stressed every holiday and leave our shopping to the last minute. Last Spring, we decided to find the most fabulous holiday gifts to personally give to our friends and loved ones. In doing so, we thought you would also enjoy our favorite gift ideas: to give or to get."

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Plug'n' Playground

Don't get stuck spending the holidays teaching your loved ones how to use a smartphone or navigate Windows 7/XP/Vista/98/NT. These gifts (maybe not the knife-printer, but definitely the rest of them) are easy to set up and use. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)



Blade Stunner: 3-D printers cost a bundle. Satisfy your fabricator friend with the Silhouette Cameo, which "prints" cutouts in paper, vinyl and other flat stuff. (\$300, Silhouetteamerica.com)



Data Transfer or Bust! This year's obligatory novelty USB accessory is the four-port Aphrodite hub. It's ceramic, so you know it's classy. (\$30, Fredflare.com)



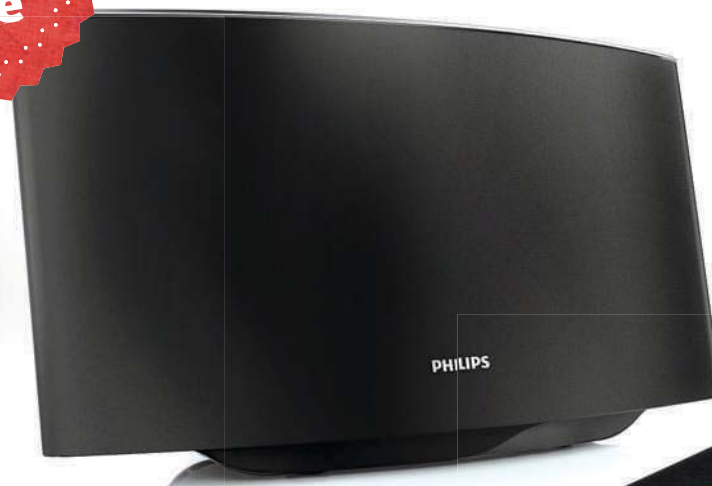
Bright, Early: An LED light bulb is not a lame gift if you appreciate cutting-edge, energy-saving technologies. (EarthLED ZetaLux 2 Pro, \$10-\$15, Amazon.com)



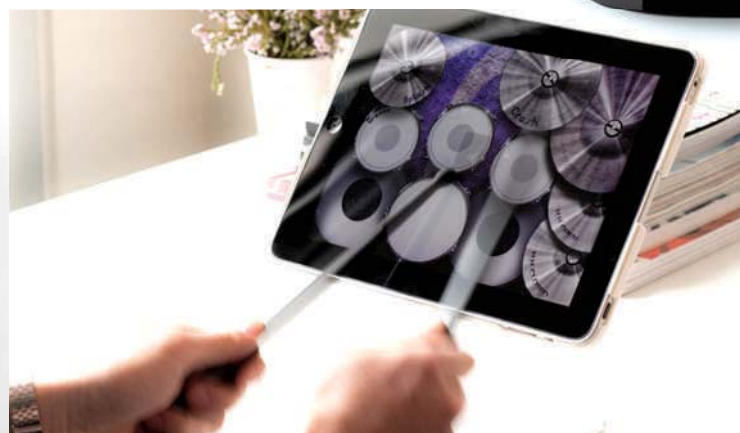
Culture Shock: Recipients will exclaim, "wow, it's so non-beige!" when they see their new patterned power strip. Then they'll go blind. (\$15 each, Container Store)



Sound Investment: Philips' AD7000W/37 Fidelio SoundVia speaker is what cash-strapped Apple-owning audiophiles have been waiting for: It's wireless, AirPlay-compatible and cheap. (\$200, Amazon.com)



Hi-Definitely: The membership fee for the People-Who-Won't-Shut-Up-About-Their-Rokus Club is down to \$50. The li'l purple Roku LT wirelessly streams video up to 780p. (Roku.com)



Louder, Please: GarageBand on the iPad could not be more awesome. Wait? It could be? With conductive rubber-tipped drumsticks and guitar picks? No way! YES WAY. (\$25 for two sticks and one pick, Pixandstix.com)

lookout styles

Party Plan

Splurge on style (but still save bucks) with bargain accessories

Every shop and Starbucks says, "It's the most wonderful time of the year!" But buying party dresses during the priciest season of all is enough to kill any eggnog buzz. This holiday season, thank the clutch, the headband and the hordes of inexpensive costume jewelry for perking up last winter's basic little black dress. With these budget finds, you'll sparkle — and save — well into 2012.

STYLED BY KATHERINE BOYLE, ERIN CUNNINGHAM; PHOTOS MARGE ELY (EXPRESS); MODEL, CIMA; HAIR & MAKEUP, JILL TURNBULL, CIMA



Clutches On the Cheap:

Savings are in these bags, including a gold mesh envelope (\$50, Current Boutique), Zambo's clutch (\$88, Proper Topper), Big Buddha's faux-croc style (\$50, Current Boutique), Zambo's gold mini (\$98, Proper Topper) and Urban Expressions' red model (\$46, Current Boutique).



Choke Holds:

Show-stopping costume necklaces, in funky and classic varieties, zip up both dresses and simple T-shirts. Lou Lou's twists on expensive Anthro and department store styles add spunk this season, whether faux turquoise and gold (\$28); silver metal (\$30); or brown and gold feathers (\$30).

On the Cover:

A bejeweled costume necklace (\$48) adds neo-Baroque shine to a black sheath (\$59, both Current Boutique).



Step It Up: It's not always about the dress. Put your feet in the spotlight with Sacha London's black suede multicolored jeweled pumps (\$120, ShoeFly) and Lillybee's red suede "Austin" kitten heels (\$168, SimplySoles).



What She's Wearing: Gaby uses accessories to amp up a classic strapless cocktail LBD by Simply Vera by Vera Wang (\$88, Kohls.com). She jazzes the look up with a Ya LA blue sequin jacket (\$59, Current Boutique), Chinese Laundry red patent pumps (\$65, ShoeFly), a statement ring (\$22), a reindeer necklace (\$22, both ShoeFly), and a Pippa Middleton-inspired fascinator headband (\$18, Lou Lou).

Bling in the New Year:

Whether you're wearing a rhinestone cuff (\$36, ShoeFly), coral tear drop earrings (\$42, Simply Soles) or black and gold snowflake-inspired danglies (\$20, Lou Lou), shine and sparkle with these details.



Petal Power:

Too Da Loo's navy satin, flower-empowered evening bag (\$75, Simply Soles) brings flirty, Grace Kelly flair to party wear. For an even bigger statement, try a bag in a hot hue such as teal or magenta.



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The Reelist**Spoiled Alert**

In 2011, I saw more than 60 movies. I paid for four. The only price I pay for advance screenings is having to follow the rules set up by the studios' PR people, who, at least in D.C., tend to be young women with genuinely perky personalities and the ability to walk in truly staggering high heels.



By Kristen Page-Kirby

I RSVP. I surrender my cell phone when asked. And I do not break "embargoes," which forbid critics from publishing a review before the film's release date.

On Monday, the New Yorker's film critic, David Denby, ran his (positive) review of "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo," which comes out Dec. 21. This upset Sony, the film's studio. Denby argued that the magazine had no space in the issue nearest the film's release date. Not only is that a weak excuse (review the movie later, Denby, not earlier), but it shows a sense of entitlement I find profoundly disappointing. Look, I'm spoiled, too, when it comes to movies: Seeing a film as a civilian, when I have to deal with 17 trailers, people texting and not being able to sit in "my seat" (halfway up, on the left-hand aisle), makes me long to be back in the world of free tickets and attentive audiences.

The point is, you get used to special treatment, and it's easy to believe the rules don't apply to you. I'm a huge fan of Denby's work, but I think he forgot that making a living in the dark doesn't mean you get to do whatever you want when the lights come up.



Read Kristen's previous columns at: expressmag.com/thereelist



Would you want this guy (Jonah Hill, background) baby-sitting your children? We didn't think so. Instead, watch him take care of someone else's kids (from left: Landry Bender, Max Records and Kevin Hernandez) in David Gordon Green's "The Sitter."

Hide Your Kids!

A baby fat-bearing Jonah Hill takes a trio of children on a wild ride in 'The Sitter'

Film Review

Reportedly, "The Sitter," a raunchy new comedy starring Jonah Hill, will be the last movie to feature the pear-shaped young actor in his heavysuit form, since Hill slimmed down considerably in recent months. Although the fatter-the-funnier equation is doubtlessly glib, there's no question that when actors like Hill and Seth Rogen seek deeper, more complex roles — in

"Moneyball" and "50/50," say — the first step seems to be more protein shakes and fewer Ding Dongs.

For those fans who cherish Hill's delicate balance of anxiety and self-confidence that finds its uncanny embodiment in a fat man's physical contradictions, "The Sitter" will constitute a vulgar, fitfully funny farewell to Hill's baby-fat phase.

Hill plays an arrested adolescent named Noah who's living at home with his mom after being suspended from college; with no discernible job in sight, his chief occupation is pursuing a self-centered blonde named Marisa (Ari Graynor), who is enthusiastically enjoying his prowess in bed as "The Sitter" opens.

The Sitter (R)

► **Director:** David Gordon Green

► **Stars:** Jonah Hill, Ari Graynor, Sam Rockwell

► **In a Nutshell:** A college student on suspension is coaxed into baby-sitting the kids next door, and is fully unprepared for the wild night ahead of him.

► **For Fans of:** "Date Night"

The film plays like an R-rated homage to the 1980s comedy "Adventures in Babysitting," with some "Date Night" and lots of filthy humor thrown in. Spiked with some loopily inspired supporting performances (Sam Rockwell turns up as

a freaky, tweaky drug dealer running the world's most hilariously depraved coke den) and Hill's characteristically inspired improvisational asides, "The Sitter" is an efficient but uneven programmer, whose most valuable contribution to the cinematic landscape is its blessedly brief 80-minute runtime.

"The Sitter" allows no opportunity for sophomoric leering humor to go un-turned: The reason Noah finds himself baby-sitting a neighbor's three kids is that their regular sitter has a urinary tract infection (funny stuff!). In the course of the

The biggest kid, of course, is Noah himself, another man-child abroad in a world that can't see the exquisite gifts behind the girth.

ensuing night, he and Slater (Max Records), Blithe (Landry Bender) and Rodrigo (Kevin Hernandez) run amok through a Brooklyn bat mitzvah, an upscale restaurant, a street-tough pool hall and a retail outlet called Neal's Diamonds, which they leave seconds before the place is blown into smithereens.

One of the weaknesses of "The Sitter" is that Hill doesn't develop much comic chemistry with the kids, one of whom is an awkward neurotic, one of whom is a pyromaniac and one of whom is a budding Paris Hilton who pronounces everything "hot" and wonders whether a bar they land in has bottle service.

The biggest kid, of course, is Noah himself, another man-child abroad in a world that can't see the exquisite gifts behind the girth. It's a tired trope, but with Rogen and now Hill signaling that they're ready to leave it behind, we may starve the beast yet.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)



The Danger Zone: Tom Cruise will soon be seen on screen reprising the role of Ethan Hunt, but he hasn't ruled out revisiting another of his alter egos: Lt. Pete "Maverick" Mitchell from "Top Gun." Cruise says he's still interested in pursuing "Top Gun 2," a sequel that, as of a year ago, seemed to be in the works. "We all want to make a film that is in the same kind of tone as the other one and shoot it in the same way that we shot 'Top Gun,'" he says. (TWP)

Dead Behind the Eyes

'New Year's Eve' lacks heart, soul and a valid reason for existing

Film Review

"New Year's Eve" subsists as a particularly soulless example of a movie that's less made than machined, assembled according to an algorithmic formula known only to the widget-twisters and bottom-line-feeders at Warner Bros. whose sole purpose in life is to separate trusting filmgoers from their money without providing commensurate value.

Promising an easily masticated story, shiny surface polish and more stars than the last Jerry Lewis telethon, "New Year's Eve" wouldn't have to be great art to succeed. It would merely need to glitter, gleam, grab a few heartstrings and gratify



Katherine Heigl, left, and Jon Bon Jovi, right, are so thrilled to be in "New Year's Eve."

New Year's Eve (PG-13)

- **Director:** Garry Marshall
- **Stars:** Sarah Jessica Parker, Jessica Biel, Ashton Kutcher
- **In a Nutshell:** The lives of several couples and singles in New York intertwine over the course of New Year's Eve.
- **For Fans of:** "Valentine's Day," "Love Actually," "Sideways of New York"

perhaps the most primal sensory demand of film audiences, which is to watch genetically gifted men and women behave in ways that seem both superhuman and relatable, simultaneously.

We're subjected to the ignominious tableau of Robert De Niro — Robert De Freaking Niro — lying helplessly in a hospital bed while a nurse played by Halle Berry strokes

his hand, presumably out of mutual concern for their once Oscar-winning careers.

Michelle Pfeiffer, in a drab wig and red-rimmed eye makeup, pouts on a motorcycle with Zac Efron.

Katherine Heigl, Jon Bon Jovi, Sarah Jessica Parker, Lea Michele, Sofia Vergara and Seth Myers are here, too, as well as "Valentine's Day" vets Jessica Biel and Ashton Kutcher, the latter of whom spends the entire movie in his pajamas, an apt sartorial metaphor for a production mired in lazy writing, listless pacing and a sense of entitlement.

Most insulting of all, the filmmakers insist on inserting bits of moralizing in the movie like so many razor blades in a candy apple, so that midnight can't just be about romance and giddy anticipation; it has to be about "forgiveness," "second chances" — oh, and "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows," another fine Warner Bros. product opening soon in a theater near you and prominently cross-promoted in the movie's Times Square sequences.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Music Beat

Rolling in Praise

Adele dominated music this year, and iTunes was no exception. The British songstress had iTunes' best-selling album and song, and was named its top artist. Adele's "21" was followed on iTunes' album chart by Mumford & Sons' "Sigh No More"; Lil Wayne's "Tha Carter IV"; Jay-Z and Kanye West's "Watch the Throne"; and Coldplay's "Mylo Xyloto." Adele's No. 1 hit "Rolling in the Deep" was the best-selling song. At No. 2 was LMFAO's "Party Rock Anthem," followed by Katy Perry's "Firework," Bruno Mars' "Grenade" and Cee Lo's "Forget You." Adele also led Amazon's top MP3 list with "Rolling in the Deep." (AP)

Coming Together

'Le Havre' is a clever testament to the power of community

Film Review

"Miracles do happen," a doctor tells a character named Arletty in "Le Havre," Aki Kaurismaki's new movie. "Not in my neighborhood," she replies.

Welcome to the tender, deadpan world of Kaurismaki, a Finnish filmmaker who has set his story of timely issues and timeless values in the French port city of the title. It turns out that Arletty (Kati Outinen) isn't lying about the town's toughest precincts, where her husband, Marcel (André Wilms), works as a shoe shine man. Together they eke out a modest existence along with a tightknit community of friends and



When shoe shine man Marcel (André Wilms), right, meets a young man from Africa, Idrissa (Blondin Miguel), left, the underlying message of "Le Havre" is set in motion.

neighbors who approach life with a similar, signature brand of cynicism and cheerfulness.

When Marcel unexpectedly encounters a young man from Afri-

ca named Idrissa (Blondin Miguel), what begins as one man's mission to make a small difference becomes a potent — and often hilarious — testament to the power of community

Le Havre (NR)

- **Director:** Aki Kaurismaki
- **Stars:** André Wilms, Blondin Miguel and Jean-Pierre Darroussin
- **In a Nutshell:** When an African boy arrives by cargo ship in the port city of Le Havre, an aging shoe shiner takes pity on the child and welcomes him into his home.

and collective sense of duty.

Filmed in a high, nostalgic style that gives its setting the romance of another era, "Le Havre" is a movie composed entirely of fantastic faces, starting with Wilms' own ruggedly handsome Marcel, whose evened-out unflappability gives him the air of Buster Keaton combined with the suave noir anti-hero.

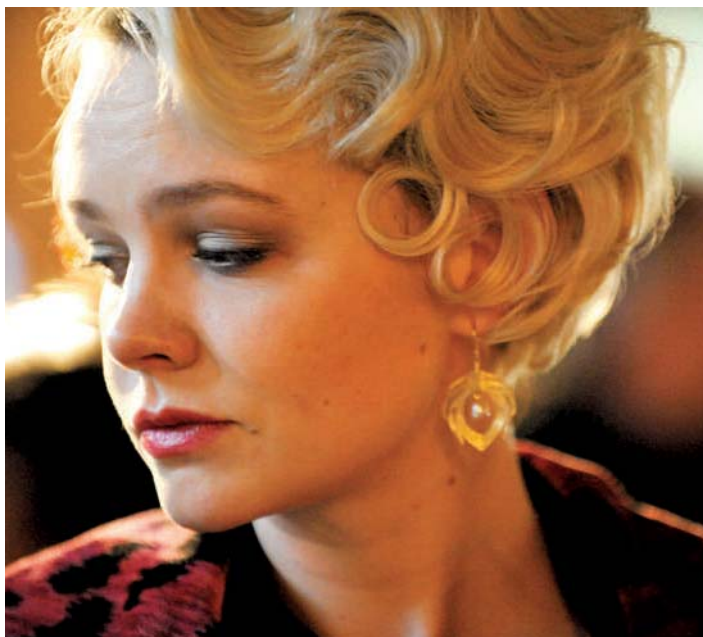
"Le Havre" is a playful parable that conveys profound truths about compassion, humility and sacrifice. It offers proof that miracles do happen — especially in Kaurismaki's lyrically hardscrabble neighborhood. A.H.

**Now
Playing****ARTHUR CHRISTMAS** (PG, 97 minutes)

In "Arthur Christmas," Santa Claus is a job title, handed down from father to son. The current Santa is nearing retirement age. His North Pole-based operation resembles Amazon.com staffed by elf-size Navy SEALs and run by Santa's No. 1 son, Steve, who is next in the line of succession. But then a little pink bike is discovered to have been accidentally misplaced, and Steve persuades his father to write it off as an acceptable error. That's unacceptable, however, to Santa's second, more idealistic son, Arthur. With his 136-year-old grandfather, a long-retired Santa, Arthur commandeers a sleigh and eight reindeer, and sets out

to put things right. Arthur Christmas may be an inept bumbler, but the movie that bears his name sure isn't. **M.O.**

THE DESCENDANTS (R, 115 minutes) George Clooney doesn't put a foot wrong except on purpose in "The Descendants," a pitch-perfect movie that threads a tiny needle between comedy and devastating drama. Clooney's Matt King is the wealthy descendant of Hawaiian royalty, who, as the movie opens, is watching his wife, Elizabeth, lie comatose in a hospital bed after suffering a near-fatal boating accident. A distant husband and father, Matt must find a way to bond with his daughters, 10-year-old Scottie (Amara Miller) and 17-year-old Alex (Shailene Woodley). "The Descendants" is an ode to emotional dissonance, wherein regret and antic humor can coexist and even share a drink; it's a tricky tonal high-wire act that writer-director Alexander Payne pulls off with uncommon skill and aplomb. **A.H.**



Carey Mulligan plays Sissy, the troubled younger sister of sex addict Brandon, in Steve McQueen's mournful and graphic NC-17-rated film "Shame."

HAPPY FEET TWO (PG, 100 minutes)

In "Happy Feet Two," there's precious little of what gave "Happy Feet" its incongruous, yet infectious charm: a tap-dancing penguin. The gotta-move protagonist of the first animated, Antarctica-set feature — a misfit young emperor penguin named Mumble (Elijah Wood) — returns for the sequel. But this time he's all grown up — and a lot less fun. In his place are a lot of other polar creatures vying for screen time and our attention. The biggest letdown is the absence of dancing. Mumble, the former hooper, is now the father of a penguin chick named Erik (Ava Acres). He spends most of his time putting his foot down after Erik, who doesn't like to dance, runs away from home, and Mumble is forced to go get him and bring him back, scolding him the entire way. So much for happy feet. **M.O.**

HUGO (PG, 125 minutes)

When Martin

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Scorsese announced that he would make his first 3-D movie — and a PG-rated family film, no less — several of his fans pronounced themselves flummoxed. But we didn't know that the movie would be "Hugo," an exuberant, if occasionally uneven, adaptation of Brian Selznick's movie-inspired illustrated novel. "Hugo" begins with one of the filmmaker's signature bravura tracking shots, this time through a cavernous train station in 1930s Paris. The camera is following the title character, a 12-year-old boy who lives secretly just below the station's ceiling. When he's not scrounging for food, he's gathering trinkets and tools to fix a lifelike metal automaton that represents his last link to a once-happy



Hugo (Asa Butterfield), left, and Isabelle (Chloë Grace Moretz), right, take in a movie in director Martin Scorsese's 3-D ode to the joy of classic cinema, "Hugo."

life. For the most part, it's a somber affair, its self-seriousness only deepening when Hugo runs afoul of a grumpy toy seller and his goddaughter, Isabelle. But during "Hugo's" final 20 minutes or so, the film truly comes to life. A.H. **IMMORTALS** (R, 110 minutes) Based very loosely on the primordial Greek hero, Theseus (Henry Cavill) is a small-town prole who cares only for his mother. Because of a rough childhood, he rejects the gods of Olympus as hokum. His nemesis, batty King Hyperion (Mickey Rourke), believes in the gods but loathes them. He seeks the bow of Epirus, the only weapon that can free the Olympians' old rivals, the Titans, from their cell deep inside Mount Tartarus. The movie pays less attention to theology, however, than decapitations, castrations, eviscerations and the occasional parboiling alive of people inside a giant metal bull. The movie's self-importance is inflated by the usual pseudo-Wagnerian

score and occasional narration by John Hurt, playing Theseus' humble but secretly divine mentor. **MARK JENKINS JACK AND JILL** (PG, 89 minutes) In "Jack and Jill," a lowbrow drag comedy, Adam Sandler plays both Jack, a successful, attractive L.A. advertising director, and Jack's identical twin sister, Jill, an overweight, abrasive harpy with a room-temperature IQ. Like all Happy Madison productions, it cannot really be said to be good or bad, any more than dumping a bag of marbles onto a bathroom scale can be said to result in an accurate weight. It is what it is — something unruly, stupid and sort of funny, in the same way that passing gas is funny. There is a lot of passing gas in "Jack and Jill." The unsurprisingly bon-mot-free script is by Steve Koren, Robert Smigel and Ben Zook. Why it took three of them to come up with the story, in which a Thanksgiving visit by Jill turns into an eight-week

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nightmare for Jack — and an 89-minute one for you — is anyone's guess. **M.O. MARTHA MARCY MAY MARLENE** (R, 101 minutes) Elizabeth Olsen delivers an utterly transfixing turn as the title character of this chilling psychological thriller, in which a young woman named Martha joins a cult and is rechristened "Marcy May" by the group's dangerously charismatic leader. Structured mostly in flashbacks while Martha seeks to reunite with her estranged sister Lucy, this is a story that's about a cult only in the most superficial sense. As Olsen's alternately recessive, spontaneous, blunt and vulnerable turn suggests, it's about a woman forging an identity in spite of the familial and pseudo-familial forces that never cease to exert their own destructive pulls. Just how Martha's reunion will play out with Lucy takes on the contours of a horror film in "Martha Marcy May Marlene," which, true to its art-house spirit, offers no easy answers. **A.H. MELANCHOLIA** (R, 135 minutes) A masterwork of grandeur, millennial angst and high romantic style, "Melancholia" takes themes that have marked the best films of 2011 and spins them into a blast of cosmic sparkle dust. "Melancholia" begins in earnest with the late arrival of a bride and groom to their wedding party. The bride's ambivalence comes into florid expression at the reception,



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George Clooney is garnering support for a best actor nomination at next year's Oscars for "The Descendants."

a lavish affair that writer-director Lars von Trier films virtually in real time, as the newly wed Justine and her groom, Michael, navigate their fragile new life as a couple. The setup has the makings of a bitterly funny dysfunctional-family comedy, but von Trier instead plays it for maximum nihilistic drama. The "Melancholia" wedding seems to go on and on, with Justine's skepticism finally taking a shockingly subversive turn. As von Trier's ultimate wish-fulfillment fantasy,

"Melancholia" is a broodingly downbeat self-portrait but also the inspiring work of an artist of seemingly boundless imaginative power. **A.H.**

THE MUPPETS (PG, 98 minutes) "The Muppets" is both a delightful family film about the Muppets and a winking, self-referential satire about how lame the Muppets are. How does it manage that trick? By starting with the premise that the Muppets are has-beens. What sets the plot in motion is a visit to Los Angeles by Gary, Mary and Walter (Gary's somewhat codependent brother). Walter is a Muppets groupie, and when he arrives in Hollywood, he can't quite accept the fact that his heroes are washed up. With the assistance of Gary and Mary, Walter sets out to reunite the Muppets for one last show, the proceeds from which will be used to save the decrepit Muppet Studios building from being torn down. So far, so corny. What saves "The Muppets" from itself is a sharp eye for just how silly all of this is. Directed by James Bobin and co-written by Segel and Nicholas Stoller, the film is mordant without being mean and sweet without being saccharine. **M.O.**

SHAME (NC-17, 99 minutes) In Steve McQueen's mournful portrait of an addict hitting rock bottom, Michael Fassbender plays a man seeking self-annihilation through the compulsive pursuit of sex. As successful New Yorker Brandon,

Fassbender spends a great deal of time staring moodily. Brandon may be able to make it anywhere, but even when he's with another person he's alone. That changes with the sudden arrival of his little sister, Sissy (Carey Mulligan), whose hospital bracelet indicates that all is not entirely well with her either. Sissy upsets Brandon's metronomically choreographed rituals, which, it becomes clear, emanate from a wound deep in their shared past. "Shame" leaves motivations and backstories up to the viewer's imagination and focuses with unblinking frankness on the depths of Brandon's most self-loathing behavior. **A.H.**

TOWER HEIST (PG-13, 105 minutes) Ben Stiller plays Josh Kovacs, the general manager of the Tower, a posh apartment complex. Overseeing a motley staff, Josh proudly caters to every passing whim of his elite clientele, the richest of whom is penthouse dweller Arthur Shaw. He appears genial, but when the staff pensions Josh invested with Shaw disappear like the dregs of last night's single malt, the game is afoot. As enjoyable as the individual performances are, they don't always emulsify into a smoothly integrated whole. But that matters little in a movie that derives most of its cachet from

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The gang's all back singing "Rainbow Connection" in "The Muppets," Jason Segel's revival of Jim Henson's beloved characters.

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how uncannily it chimes with the times. The "Tower Heist" heroes often seem lifted directly from the Central Casting handbook, their antics preposterous enough to beggar belief, but they arrive

at just the right moment. They're the 99 percent. A.H.

THE TWILIGHT SAGA: BREAKING DAWN - PART 1 (PG-13, 117 minutes)

Recent high school graduate Bella Swan grows up a lot in "Breaking Dawn - Part 1," becoming a bride, a potential mother and perhaps something stranger. Yet the "Twilight Saga" hasn't matured along with its heroine. In fact, the latest movie

regresses a bit, delivering more filler, less feeling and crummier CGI than last year's "Eclipse." As the trailer (and the book) have already revealed, the drama this time is principally obstetric. In the movie's bland first half, Bella (Kristen Stewart) prepares for woodland nuptials with pasty vampire dreamboat Edward (Robert Pattinson). We do see a bloody Edward-ian flashback and an angry run

through the Washington-state forest by wolfman Jacob (Taylor Lautner), the excluded member of the tale's menagerie a trois. But much of the action involves shoes, dresses and tearful, happy-sad chats with Mom and Dad. M.J.

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1 Age of Liberation
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2 Affordable Art Decor
Of all the holiday art markets this month, the Cheap Art Sale is perhaps the most straightforward about its priorities. All the art at this event is selling for \$50 or less — you can snap up pieces by local artists such as Mike Ferguson and Alexandra Silverthorne, and all proceeds go to Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League, a local organization that helps LGBT youth. ***La Casa, 3166 Mt. Pleasant St. NW; Sat., 1 p.m., free; Smyal.org.*** (Columbia Heights)

3 Let's Talk About Art
Hemphill's latest show, "The Big Payback," is all about music — the relationship between composer and audience. Artist Robin Rose will sit down with NPR's Bob Boilen, shown, and Robert Goldstein to discuss the intersection of music and art. Boilen runs "All Songs Considered," and Goldstein serves as an NPR music librarian. Beware Boilen's groupies, identifiable by their tote bags and lower-back tattoos of the NPR logo. ***Hemphill Fine Arts, 1515 14th St. NW; Sat., 10 a.m., free; 202-234-5601, Hemphillfinearts.com.*** (Dupont Circle)

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New Year's Eve (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 11:10-2:00-4:40-7:30-10:15
The Sitter (R) Club Cinema-Over 21 after 6:00 pm/Digital Presentation: 11:20-1:30-3:40-5:50-8:00-10:10
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The Muppets (PG) (I) 11:00-2:20-5:00-7:40-10:30

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Le Havre (NR) 12:50-3:10-5:20-7:40-9:50-12:00
My Week with Marilyn (R) 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40
Shame (NC-17) 12:30-2:00-3:00-4:30-5:30-7:00-8:00-9:30-10:30
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Immortals 3D (R) RealD 3D: (I) 12:05-2:40-5:10-7:50-10:25
Hugo 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:30
Tower Heist (PG-13) 12:20-2:55-5:30-8:10-10:40
Hugo (PG) CC-Open Caption: 12:30
A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas (R) (I) 9:50-12:25
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The Muppets (PG) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:30-2:15-4:50-7:25-10:00
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Arthur Christmas (PG) Digital Presentation: (I) 11:45-4:45-9:45
Happy Feet Two (PG) Digital Presentation: 11:10-4:00-9:00

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Hugo 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 1:20-7:15-10:05
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The Muppets (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video Service: 1:40-4:15-7:45-10:15
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Dominic West depicts sociopath Fred West in 'Appropriate Adult'

Film

SAT 10:00

"The Wire's" Dominic West takes a chilling turn as real-life British serial killer Fred West in the Sundance Channel film "Appropriate Adult." Yet, throughout the entire 2½-hour drama, viewers never see Fred commit a single crime.

"I think it would have been wrong to have shown anything other than reported action," West says. "Then it would have been horror or pornography."

Fred was responsible — along with his wife, Rose — for the murder of at least 11 young women between 1967 and 1987. The film focuses on Fred's arrest in 1994 and the investigation that led to his admitting to a portion of the murders.

"Appropriate adult" is a British legal term that applies to Janet



Fred West (Dominic West, right, with Emily Watson) murdered at least 11 women.

Leach (Emily Watson), the court-appointed citizen advocate tasked with explaining the charges to the mentally unstable Fred.

"He didn't have the normal sort of value systems that we have," West says. "There was no difference to him between killing the family pig, which he did when he was 13, and killing an unwanted girlfriend. It is a childlike, monstrous ego that he had, that had none of the checks that most adults have."

Much of the film plays out in interrogation rooms, as Fred manipulates Janet and the police. West and the film's writers had access to more than 100 hours of police interviews, some of which made it into the film verbatim. "It was never difficult to put across the nature of his evil and of his malignancy just because the words are so powerful and so appalling," West says. "You could see what kind of a psychopath he was." RUDI GREENBERG (EXPRESS)

Best Bets

FRI 8:00



Chuck (NBC) Chuck (Zachary Levi) reconnects with his hacker past and seeks help from Gertrude when he tries to track down a computer supervirus. A new Buy More employee (Danny Pudi, center, with Joshua Gomez, right) disrupts Jeff (Scott Krinsky, left) and Lester's (Vik Sahay) friendship.

SUN 8:00

The Simpsons (FOX) This episode flashes forward 30 years to a futuristic Springfield, where Bart and Lisa have children of their own and decide to spend the holidays as one big family at Homer and Marge's house.

SUN 8:00

12 Dates of Christmas (FAM) In this variation on the "Groundhog Day" theme, a young woman (Amy Smart) is forced to relive her first date with a guy on Christmas Eve until she gets it right — defined as giving up the past and learning to open her heart and mind to new things.

SUN 9:00

Stephen King's Bag of Bones (A&E) Director Mick Garris, who has helmed some of Stephen King's landmark TV adaptations, returns for this shocker about a grieving writer who gets entangled with a single mother and the vengeful ghost of a jazz singer. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Finales**Day of Reckoning**

As the date for Nucky's (Steve Buscemi, shown) trial looms on "Boardwalk Empire" (Sun., 9 p.m., HBO), Jimmy (Michael Pitt) searches for a way to make amends with him. Margaret (Kelly Macdonald), meanwhile, makes a decision that probably will have a dramatic impact on her future and Nucky's after considering an offer from Esther Randolph (Julianne Nicholson) in the season finale. (TM)

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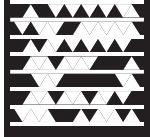
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—**MISSINFO.TV** doesn’t think the trailer for “The Three Stooges,” directed by the Farrelly brothers, is very appealing.

“It’s much richer, and much more visual. I think it will also differentiate the mobile and desktop experiences a lot more. It seems sensible, as Twitter changes its demographic. ... I’m expecting this redesign to cause lots of grumbles from oldies like me.”

—**DIGITAL-EXAMPLES.BLOGSPOT.COM** enjoys the microblogging site’s new interface, released Thursday.

“In the past I’ve seen some strange actions on the WMATA trains, from fights to escalator planking to Christmas carols, but nothing quite like this.”

—**TBD.COM/BLOGS/TBD-ON-FOOT** reacts to a video titled “The Metro Swing,” in which people set up a playground-style swing made from plywood and ropes inside a train car and allowed various people to sit on it.

“How dope is it that he used a line from a song that’s not a single? That’s a clear indication he harbors a genuine appreciation for the music. Jay Bilas has a lifetime hip-hop pass for this one.”

—**SMOKINGSECTION.UPROXX.COM** was impressed with ESPN college basketball analyst Jay Bilas’ knowledge of rapper Young Jeezy’s work, after he quoted him during a recent game broadcast. Bilas said “as the urban philosopher Young Jeezy says, ‘You better call your crew; you’re gonna need help!’”

“If Questlove and the Roots wanted to make some kind of on-air statement about their disapproval of Michele Bachmann ... they certainly had plenty of songs to choose from. But they made the decision of going with a song that has a misogynistic title. ... On the plus side, at least they still have their jobs.”

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Puzzles

Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Concentrate on issues that are centered on you — especially health and mental well-being. Don't neglect yourself at this time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You can get a great deal today — but be willing to share this unusual development with those around you when the time comes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You can have more for less today — but it will take some quick thinking to repeat yourself in this way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Trying to keep another in the dark can only turn around and affect you in a negative way. Play it straight; follow the rules.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Nothing may have come of your involvement in the past, but now circumstances are different and you can have a major impact on things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are determined to dig up as much information as possible, even though you may come face to face with something unsavory about yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Being careful is, to you, something quite different from what another thinks it is — but you'll have to come to some agreement eventually.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Involve your friends in the search you are now conducting and you'll not only benefit yourself, but them, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can give others what they want — but you're going to want something in return. You're not likely to encounter any serious objections.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not respond to an unexpected business development in a way that clouds your judgment and prevents necessary adjustments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Others may claim that your behavior is unfair in some ways, but when your true intentions become clear, they are sure to change their tune.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may feel the pressure building at this time, but you can relieve much of it by doing that today which you actually most want to avoid.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 251

I ₁	O ₁	N ₁	Z ₁₀	T ₁	L ₁	P ₃

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RACK 1

A ₁	A ₁	E ₁	P ₃	P ₃	T ₁	R ₁

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RACK 2

E ₁	O ₁	H ₄	N ₁	D ₂	Z ₁₀	T ₁

Triple Word Score

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RACK 3

E ₁	E ₁	O ₁	Y ₄	D ₂	M ₃	S ₁

2nd Letter Double

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RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

T ₁	U ₁	N ₁	E ₁	U ₁	P ₃	
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A ₁	D ₂	A ₁	P ₃	T ₁	O ₁	R ₁
F ₄	O ₁	R ₁	F ₄	E ₁	N ₁	D ₂

PAR SCORE 140-150

RACK 1 = 8
RACK 2 = 60
RACK 3 = 62
RACK 4 = 92
TOTAL 222

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

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Yesterday's Solution

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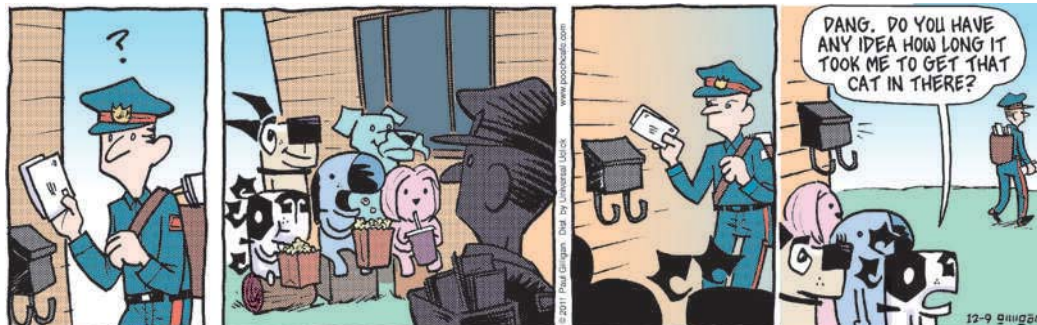
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52 | **35**

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45 | **28**

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, breezy and cooler tomorrow. Clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
43	30	47
35	51	36

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 7:15 a.m.
Sunset today: 4:46 p.m.
Moonrise today: 4:08 p.m.
Moonset today: 6:20 a.m.

Almanac

Normal high: 49
Record high: 74
Normal low: 34
Record low: 8

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1 Helen Keller's org.
5 Adidas competitor
9 Casual
conversations
14 Burn to a crisp
15 Scientology
founder Hubbard
16 Michelle's
predecessor
17 Seville snack
18 Heavenly hit from
the '50s
20 "The doctor ____"
21 Get ____ for effort
22 Defends one's side
23 Heavenly tennis
player
26 ____ Vicente,
Brazil
27 Ability to discern
good music
28 Basic building
block
31 One paid to play
34 Oz Scarecrow's
lack
36 Supreme Court
justice count
37 Second-person
person
38 Space aliens

39 Navy noncom
42 Sister in a convent
43 Sewer rodents
45 They're radio-
active
47 Superman's
emblem
48 "While" lead-in
49 Need a doctor
50 "Taiwan"
attachment
52 Heavenly journey
for Sojourner
58 Athens' ancient
rival
60 "Wednesday's
child is full of ____"
61 Course of action
62 Heavenly NFL Hall
of Fame quarterback
64 Gold medal-
winning skater Kulik
65 Make a nuisance
of oneself
66 Hot-dog stand
supply
67 Woodworker's tool
68 Struggles for air
69 Suit to ____ (fit
perfectly)
70 "Windows to the
soul"

- 1 When Ophelia
drowns, in "Hamlet"
- 2 Action-flick staple
- 3 Rabbit fur
- 4 Planet discovered
in 1781
- 5 European plantain
- 6 Afghani's neighbor
- 7 Singing nymph of
the Rhine
- 8 Aardvark's tidbit
- 9 Santa ____, Calif.
- 10 Child's word-
guessing game
- 11 Saintry archbishop
of Canterbury
- 12 Cheshire cat's
hangout
- 13 "Do the Right
Thing" pizzeria
- 19 It rarely has more
than one part
- 24 Kemo ____, (the
Lone Ranger)
- 25 Jousting weapon
- 29 Burden of proof
- 30 Department store
department
- 31 Funeral fire
- 32 Leonine bellow
- 33 Bests,

intellectually
35 Character set
for computers
40 Misrepresentation
41 ___ buco (veal
dish)
44 Saddle
attachment
46 Lopsided win
49 Dumb-ox
connector
51 The ___ State
(New York's
nickname)
53 You can take

them in stride
54 "If a tree falls
in the forest and
_____"
55 Calm, as fears
56 Cause for
celebration on
the job
57 Center-to-
quarterback
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58 Pirate's booty
59 Large
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63 Wharton
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DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

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1911 An explosion inside the Cross Mountain coal mine near Briceville, Tenn., kills 84 workers.

1984 The five-day-old hijacking of a Kuwaiti jetliner that claimed the lives of two Americans ends as Iranian security men seize control of the plane, which is parked at Tehran's airport.

2001 The United States discloses the existence of a videotape in which Osama bin Laden says he was pleasantly surprised by the extent of damage from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

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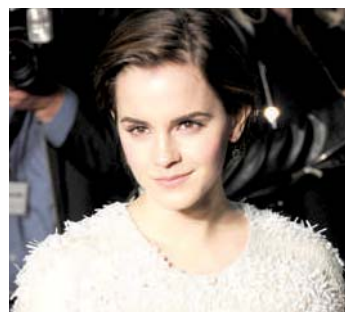
Finally, a Pregnant Star Admits to Weird Cravings

Jessica Simpson told Rachael Ray that she's craving toasted peanut butter and jelly sandwiches this week. "And then, I'll put some salt on my hand like I'm taking a tequila shot and then take a bite of the sandwich," she explained. She also says she cries a lot ("Even a great souffle would make me cry") and that she recently felt the baby move for the first time ("It was the coolest thing ever"). (EXPRESS)

INTERPRETATIONS

'Other People Should Accept Your Gross Habits'

Emma Watson's advice to teenagers: "Feel comfortable in your own skin." The 21-year-old actress, on her second visit to Hong Kong, said she loves traveling in Asia and is preparing to step out of the safe world of film sets. She told reporters Thursday that teens should "be true to who you are. You are all right exactly as you are." She was in Hong Kong on a business trip. (AP)



"Be true to yourself! Society might shun you, but you'll have high self-esteem."

Confusion



"This Isn't 'I'm A Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here?'"

Kevin Federline was hospitalized recently in Australia, where he's a cast member on "Excess Baggage," a "Celebrity Fit Club" type of show. E! News reported that Federline was showing signs of heat stress while shooting in November. He returned to the show no worse for wear, however. (EXPRESS)

There Goes the Morning

TV 'NEWS'

NBC might want Ryan Seacrest to replace Matt Lauer on the "Today" show if Lauer leaves in 2012, network insiders told the Wall Street Journal. Seacrest met with top NBC brass on Tuesday evening to discuss the job. NBC has other replacement ideas, but Seacrest is at the top of the list, according to the WSJ. A spokeswoman for Seacrest did not comment on the matter. (EXPRESS)



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The Show Will Be Titled 'Do as I Say, Not as I Do'

Nadya "Octomom" Suleman signed a six-figure deal to star in an online show on Ustream, a live-broadcasting platform, according to TMZ.com. She'll broadcast from home every Sunday, giving advice on parenting, fitness, diet and other lifestyle topics. TMZ reports that Suleman will also address rumors about herself. The show will launch later in December. (EXPRESS)

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